Military Forces, his service in such Force having been satisfactory; or in the case of an applicant who has served for over six months in the Ulster Special Constabulary, his service in this Force having been satisfactory, the limits of age shall be 25 to 50 years.

(*d*) In the case of a female candidate the limits of age shall be 25 to 40 years.

Given at Government House at Hillsborough, this Eighth day of December, 1926.

By His Grace's Command.

R. Dawson Bates.

Appointment.

MADE BY THE LORDS JUSTICES OF NORTHERN IRELAND, PURSUANT TO THE PETTY SESSIONS CLERK IRELAND ACT, 1858, 21 & 22 VICT., C. 100 S. 29, AS EXTENDED BY THE PETTY SESSIONS FEES AND ADMINISTRATION ACT (N.I.) 1923 (13 & 14 GEO. 5, N.I. C. 5),

1927. No. 111.

Whereas by Section 2 (1) of the Petty Sessions Fees and Administration Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, (extending the provisions of Sections 29 of the Petty Sessions Clerk (Ireland) Act, 1858), the Governor of Northern Ireland is empowered to make Rules governing the procedure in connection with the appointment of Petty Sessions Clerks by the Justices and the qualifications entitling Justices to take part in any such appointment:

Now We, the Lords Justices of Northern Ireland in pursuance of the powers conferred upon us by the above Acts and all other powers us thereunto enabling do hereby make the following Rules, which shall have effect and come into operation as from the date hereof:—

1. When a vacancy occurs on the office of Petty Sessions Clerk serving one District only, or two or more Districts, the Royal Ulster Constabulary Authorities shall at once notify the Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary) of the occurrence of the vacancy.

2. The person appointed as Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions by the Justices of the District or Districts, shall furnish to the Secretary a return setting out the names and addresses of the

Justices of the County then resident in the District or Districts, the names of all non-resident Justices of the County who have attended the Petty Sessions Court or Courts of the District or Districts in each of the three years immediately preceding the occurrence of the vacancy with the number of times which each of these latter justices has attended the Petty Sessions Court or Courts during each of these three years.

This return of attendance is to be compiled from the Order Book of the Petty Sessions Court, and is to be checked and certified as correct by an officer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

3. Rules 1 and 2 of this Order shall not apply to the election of a Petty Sessions Clerk for the Borough of Belfast or the Borough of Londonderry.

4. The Secretary shall inform the Clerk of the Peace of the County in which such District or Districts or the greater part thereof are situate, or of the Borough in which a vacancy has occurred of the existence of the vacancy, and shall furnish him with the names of the Justices of the County or Counties or Borough who are entitled to vote on the election of a person to fill such vacancy. The Justices entitled to vote in any such election shall be in the Boroughs of Belfast and Londonderry the Justices of such Borough, and elsewhere.

(*a*) Justices resident in the District or Districts.

(*b*) Justices who are non-resident, but who are entitled to attend the Petty Sessions Court or Courts of the District or Districts, and whose total attendances during each of the three years immediately preceding the date of the vacancy were not less then one-fourth of the number of Courts held in the District or any one of the Districts, provided that where a Justice has not been in the Commission of the Peace for the entire period of three years mentioned above, but has attended in like proportion for each of the years or portion of a year during which he has been in the Commission of the Peace, his name shall be included in the list sent to the Clerk of the Peace, and he shall be entitled to vote at such election. If such justice is an ex-officio justice the period for the computation of attendances is to date from the time at which he was qualified to take the Magisterial oaths.

(*c*) Justices who are non-resident, but who are entitled to attend the Petty Sessions Court or Courts, and have attended, but not so often as required by Rule 4 (*b*), when in the opinion of the Governor their failure to reach the standard number of attendances was caused by illness, military or naval service, absence on public business, or service as High Sheriff, or other good and sufficient reason.

5. The Secretary shall furnish the Chairman at the election of the Petty Sessions Clerk with a copy of the list of magistrates sent to the Clerk of the Peace as entitled to vote.

6. The Senior Resident Magistrate, if more than one, and, if only one, then such Resident Magistrate present at the election shall be the Chairman. If no Resident Magistrate be present the Justices present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to act as Chairman. The Chairman shall have the same right of voting as the other Justices, but shall not have a casting vote.

7. When there are more than two candidates, if any candidate has a clear majority of all the votes at the first or any subsequent poll he shall be declared elected, but if no candidate has such majority at the first or any subsequent poll there shall be a series of polls, the candidate receiving the smallest number of votes being eliminated at each poll until one candidate has a clear majority of all the votes or only two candidates remain between whom the final vote shall be taken. If in any poll there is a tie for the last place between two or more candidates a poll shall then be taken between them to decide which shall be eliminated.

8. The Chairman shall declare the candidate elected who receives at the final poll the majority of votes of the justices present whose names are on the list furnished by the Secretary. In the event of any dispute as to the validity of the election or in the event of an equality of votes on the final poll, the matter shall be referred to the Governor for his decision.

9. In the event of any justice attending at the election and claiming to vote whose name is not on the list of justices furnished by the Secretary, a note shall be taken of the Candidate for whom he desires to vote, and a report of the matter submitted to the Governor. If such vote, if admissible, would at any stage of the election alter the result of the election, the Chairman shall not declare the result of such election pending the decision of the Governor.

10. The Chairman shall furnish to the Secretary a complete return of the voting at each poll on the form supplied to him by the Secretary.

11. The person elected a Clerk by the justices must satisfy the Secretary that he is properly qualified for the office and must be certified medically fit by a doctor nominated by the Secretary. On the expiration of six months from his appointment he must also satisfy the Secretary that he has acquired sufficient legal knowledge to enable him to discharge his duties satisfactorily.

12. Every newly elected Clerk shall be appointed on probation for six months, when if his performance of his duties and his qualifications satisfy the Secretary, his appointment shall be

confirmed, provided that he shall be deemed to be on probation, and his appointment shall not be confirmed until he has satisfied the Secretary as to his legal knowledge as provided by Rule 11 hereof.

Given at Belfast, this 22nd day of November, 1923.
By Their Excellencies' Command.

R. Dawson Bates.

Assistants, Belfast.

MADE BY THE LORDS JUSTICES OF NORTHERN IRELAND, PURSUANT TO THE PETTY SESSIONS CLERK (IRELAND) AMENDMENT ACT, 1907, 7 EDW. 7. C. 22.

1927. No. 112.

Whereas by the Clerk of Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act the Lord Lieutenant was empowered to make Rules for the purposes of carrying into effect the provisions of that Act, and by the Petty Sessions Clerk (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1907, the said power was extended to the making of Rules respecting the qualifications, salaries, appointment, and removal of assistants of the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Belfast :

And whereas by the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, the Irsjh Free State (Consequential Provisions) Act, 1922, and the Orders made thereunder, the powers formerly vested in the Lord Lieutenant are now in their application to Northern Ireland vested in the Governor of Northern Ireland :

Now We, the Lords Justices of Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon us by the above Acts and all other powers us thereunto enabling, Do hereby make the following Rules respecting the qualifications, salaries, appointment and removal of assistants of the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Belfast :

(i) The limits of age of persons hereafter to be appointed assistants of the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Belfast shall be from eighteen to thirty years at time of appointment, except where a candidate

(*a*) Has previously served as a Petty Sessions Clerk or

(*b*) Has previously served in a clerical capacity in the Police Courts at Belfast, and has been paid as such by the Ministry of Home Affairs when the age limit may be from 18 to 35 years.

(ii) The Clerk of Petty Sessions at Belfast shall examine all candidates for the post of assistant, and shall furnish a report to the Lord Mayor and Resident Magistrates of